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SUBJECT: CANADIAN VIEWS REGARDING US MARINE POLLUTION  
INITIATIVE

FOR L/LEITZELL; DOT/ADM. WALLACE

1. AT APR. 27 LUNCH, USDEL TO IMCO LEGAL COMMITTEE REVIEWED DETAILS OF US MARINE POLLUTION INITIATIVE AND OUTCOME OF IMCO MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS WITH CANADIAN DEL (POPP OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, HAGE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LEGAL BUREAU).

2. HAGE SAID THAT US PROPOSALS HAD NOT BEEN FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND OTHER GOC AGENCIES PRIOR TO MSC AND THAT CANADIAN MSC DELEGATION HAD ACCORDINQLY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ADOPT NON-COMMITTAL POSITION.

3. HAGE NOTED THAT US INITIATIVE BASED ON PORT STATE JURISDICTION, AND SUGGESTED PERSONAL VIEW THAT CANADA MIGHT FIND SUPPORT FOR US INITIATIVE PREJUDICIAL TO  
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GENERAL CANADIAN POSITION REGARDING COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER MARINE POLLUTION. NEVERTHELESS, POPP SAID THAT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT APPRECIATED PRACTICAL ADVANTAGES OF SUCCESSFUL US INITIATIVE AND SHOULD BE WILLING TO SUPPORT US ON INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION PROPOSALS. BOTH POPP AND HAGE NON-COMMITTAL ON US CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT PROPOSALS.

4. POPP AND HAGE BOTH STRESSED OTTAWA'S UNCERTAINTY REGARDING DETAILS OF US INITIATIVE AND US OBJECTIVES. BOTH WANT US TO SEND TEAM TO OTTAWA IN NEAR FUTURE TO FULLY EXPLAIN US INITIATIVE WHILE CANADIAN INTERAGENCY CONSIDERATION UNDERWAY.

5. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, HAGE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE ATTENDING FORTHCOMING UNEP GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING IN NAIROBI, WHERE CANADIANS WOULD PROBABLY FLOAT A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A UNEP LEGAL COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT CANADIAN LEGAL ADVISER BEASLEY WAS VERY INTERESTED IN HAVING UNEP WORK ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW GIVEN PERMANENT INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK.

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